Barony of Caer Galen
December 2016 Newsletter

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Equestrian Champion: Lord Mikos Kovacs
Bard of Caer Galen: Alexandra of Caer Galen
Arts & Sciences Champion: Baroness Pvari Dalesdottir
Harp of Caer Galen: Lady Mahara Vandale
Doge of Caer Galen: His Serene and Illustrious Highness, Master Thomas Vandale

Pope of Caer Galen: Her Holiness, Mistress Anne Bigod
Keepers of the Unicorn Horn - Alexandra and Erasmus

Senate

Mistress Demelza Felinnoir
HE Bebhinn Inghean Ui Siodhachain
THL Perryn Coelbrant
Lady Yldiz of Misrian
Lady Nerienda of Elmet
Lord Dominico Forestani

Retinue

TBA

Guards

TBA

Ensigns

Maestra Tatiana Bonnioulx - Rapier
Lady Alheit Wehre - Rapier
Lord Stigr Robertsson - Heavy
Lord Ketill Geirason - Heavy
Lord Ubertino Nicolai di Fara San Martino - Archery

Kingdom Calendar

January 2017

7 Barony of Caerthe - Twelfth Night K/Q
14 Shire of Aarquelle - Viking Vintr Vunderlandt K/Q
14-15 Barony of Fontaine dans Sable - 12th Night and War Practice
21 Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass 12th Night Celebration and War Practice K/Q
21 Shire of Bryngolau - St Brigid`s Day Celebration
28 Shire of Plattefordham - Candlemas
28 Barony of Dragonsspine - Candlemas

February 2017

4 Barony of Unser Hafen - Tri-Baronial Arts and Sciences Championships K/Q
4 College of Saint Golias - Southern War Practice
18 Kingdom of Calontir - Winter War Maneuvers
21-27 Kingdom of Atenveldt - Estrella War K/Q

Monthly Events

January Meeting - Tacos & Margaritas at Dwen's (see upcoming events)

Monday, January 9 at 6 PM - 9 PM
717 Nelson Park Ln,
Longmont, CO 80503-7690,

February Meeting Onward

First Monday of the month
6:30pm to 8pm
Old Chicago, Longmont CO
1805 Industrial Cir, Longmont, CO 80501

Folkmoot

First Tuesday of the month
6pm to 9pm
Boulder County Fairgrounds,
9595 Nelson Road - Barn A
Longmont CO 80501
(Note: Next Folkmoot is January 10th)

Fighter Practice

Tuesdays, 6pm to 9pm
Boulder County Fairgrounds,
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Bookbinders Guild

Third Wednesday of the month
7pm to 9pm (food available beforehand ~6pm)
Where: THL's Hayashi and Shoshanah's house
673 W. Locust Ct., Louisville, CO 80027
(303) 926-1971 (home)

Archery Practice

For November
Sundays 10am
Hawks Hollow Archery Practice
at Empty Quiver Archery Range
117th and Teller in Broomfield
$6 Range Fee
Loaner or rental equipment is available

Scribal Night

Schedule is being worked out.
Please check Caer Galen Facebook Page for updates.

Missives from Their Honors

December Folkmoot

Our final Folkmoot was well-attended in spite of the yucky weather.

We were honored by the presence of the Royal Silent Herald for the Outlands, as well as the new Silent Herald from Unser Hafen (whose name escapes me) and from Caer Galen (Baroness Bebhinn).

Court business:

Dominico Forestani – Cookie for being super helpful at a variety of events over the summer and fall.
Ava Trudine of Troegenning – Cookie for being a great resource in finding event sites, including for the Polling.

Back scrolls were handed out to Nerienda and Cinara

Lady Nerienda was sworn in as Knight Marshal. Mistress Anna was sworn in as Exchequer. THL Finn and Mistress Demelza were released as officers. We thank our outgoing and incoming officers for their service.

We can't seem to keep up with her so Lady Anabel la clergesse was given Citizenship papers to help protect her on her travels and adventures. Simmi of the Woods made a beautiful presentation of colorful cranes, which were made by Alexandra.

For her service to us and the Barony, Baroness Dwen was gifted a Viking whetstone from York.

Sir Deotrich from Unser Hafen was made a bearer of the Poignard Noir for his behind-the-scenes support given to us.
The scribes who provided scrolls to us during the past year were given gifts, handmade tiny paint pots. (We will find the scribes at Midwinter who didn't make it last night.)

The autocrats of Midwinter made an announcement about the myriad of activities planned and called for volunteers. Please check the website for full details: http://leeloolyndsie.wixsite.com/caergalen-midwinter
THL Shoshanah asked for donations of personal care items for the homeless, to be gathered at Midwinter.

THL Finn made an announcement about Estrella War. He is the baronial camp coordinator and he and Dwen will be driving the Kingdom War Truck. Sign up now so Caer Galen can secure room in camp.

Our Valet, Guardsmen and Ladies-in-Waiting were released, with our infinite love and gratitude.

We hosted two "meanest mother" tournaments. Sir Deotrich won the heavy, but requested that I give my prize to the one who impressed me the most. I gave the prize, a Roman omega brooch, to Baroness Dwen for her chivalry shown to two of her opponents, as well as her bad-ass series of blocks when facing Sir Lief. Lord Iago won the rapier tourney, and was awarded by Anne the much-coveted Monmouth cap.

Thank you, all!
Anne & Matilda

Caer Galen Midwinter

Caer Galen,

We offer this report of our final court as Baronesses of Caer Galen.

-Yildiz of Misrian was recognized as a Builder of the Arch for her years of service to the barony.
-Ian of Nightsgate was awarded with a Storyteller for his inspiration to the barony and to us.

-Vanozza da Corbetta was made the Premier of the Order of Saint Cecily with the Cup.

We decided to create this new award Caer Galen for heralds and bards who memorably distinguish themselves in service to the barony. We named it after Cecily de Heselington, who was our Chief Scholar and who taught classes on poetry, advised us during bardic competitions and sometimes heralded courts for us.

Vanozza has been our herald for a little while, and last year at Midwinter when we were handing out the new regalia, she mis-spoke and called the Poignard Noir the Order of the Pinot Noir. She got some good-natured ribbing for the mistake, and folks still remember that. It is because of this incident that members of the Order of Saint Cecily with the Cup are styled as Bearers of the Pinot Noir. It is our intention that this award isn't given to people who mess up in court or while telling stories. It is for people to honor heralds and bards who increase the lore and legend of Caer Galen.

We will never forget our time as the Baronesses of Caer Galen and cannot thank you all enough for the joy you have brought to our hearts while we wore the coronets. We look forward with great excitement to the new adventures for Caer Galen as Finn and Çinara begin their tenure.

Yours Assured,
Anne Bigod and Matilda Seton, private citizens of Caer Galen

Missives from the Baron & Baroness

Caer Galen Midwinter

Greetings Caer Galen,

What an incredible weekend- thank you to everyone who came out to support the Baronesses' final court and our investiture as the new Baroness and Baron. We certainly do have a

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tough act to follow, and we pledge to continue the light, laughter, and love that is Caer Galen!

It was wonderful to see so many of our populace and friends in action across a multitude of activities: from the warmest smiles at gate, to the delicious foods from the kitchen, acts of honor and chivalry on the field, chairs musically attained, odes to Caer Galen spoken, tables decorated, and merriment all around.

Citizens of Caer Galen recognized by Their Royal Majesties included:

-Argent Hart – Lady Alheit Wehrer
-Argent Hart- HE Katherina von Lehmann
-Stag's Hart- Lady Nerienda of Elmet
-Silver Tyne- Lord Dominico Forestani
-Stag- Sir Michelangelo Francesco di Genoa
-For already having 'all the things'- hugs and great thanks to Their Excellencies Anne and Matilda.
-And an Offer to Don Wolfgang Sebastian Kolhammer to be elevated to the Order of Defense!

Their Excellencies Çinara and Finn recognized:

-HE Keridwen Andersdottir with her third Chalice of St. William the Cooper.
-HE Mistress Anne and HE Mistress Matilda- Builders of the Arch.
-Mistress Rózsa and Master Björn were welcomed into the Band of Curmudgeons (Saint Louis with the Staff for all you trivia fans out there!).

Thank you to Lord Miguel for running the Captain of the Guard tourney and finding his

successor Sir Michelangelo- who not only fought well, but offered inspiration with his words.

The bardic competition run by Master Hagar was a joy to listen to- Chozek the Mamluk and Lady Noelle both gave wonderful tales to entertain the crowd. Master Hagar presented Chozek a prize for her tale!

THL Shoshanah Simkhah bas Ruven ran a very successful donation lunch and donation drive to benefit those less fortunate in the community

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Thank you to Lady Zoraya for running the senate elections- it is pleasing to see such a reasonable group to protect the citizens from the barbarian sympathizers:

Lady Yldiz of Misrian
Lady Nerienda of Elmet
Lord Dominico Forestani
THL Perryn Coelbrant
HE Bebhinn Inghean Ui Siodhachain
Mistress Demelza Felinnoir

The good 'deeds' they inspired will certainly help the Barony!

The autocrat team and volunteers ran a smooth event spreading the famous hospitality of Caer Galen far and wide! Thank you to Lady Olivia Aragon Y Montoya, Lady Maria Castelana, and all of your team for the hard work and never-ending smiles and good cheer! Loud huzzahs of appreciation to Don Wolfgang and Doña Rowena and their fabulous kitchen crew for a delectable and plentiful meal enjoyed by all.
Finally, we welcome the newest Harp of Caer Galen, Lady Mahara Vandale!

Apologies for this long-winded missive, but believe us, it was only a summary to a fantastic day! Thank you all for your encouragement and support!

Yours in service,

Çinara and Finn, Baroness and Baron of Caer Galen

War Practice

Greetings Outlands,

Thank you to everyone who braved the snow and early cold to attend the Caer Galen War! practice held on Sunday December 11th at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. The event was well attended with ~25 heavy fighters, ~12 fencers, and a few folks working on A&S projects.

His Majesty Robert and HE Alasdair were able to instruct our troops, with additional input from a number of knowledgeable Outlanders, and then put into practice all discussed.

Don Logan organized an excellent War Practice for rapier. They worked through scenarios and small team tactics and everyone got a chance to take the lead and command a team. So much fun!

Thank you to all the marshals for keeping us safe on the fields! This was a free event with some donations accepted to help defray the cost of the site.

YIS,
Finn
Baron of Caer Galen

Officer Reports

Knight Marshal – THL Finn

Greetings Caer Galen,

We held our practices at the winter site- Barn A, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont. There were between 5 and 16 fighters suiting up for

two practices held this month. There were no authorizations or injuries to report.

WAR season is upon us! There are numerous opportunities to prepare for the coming wars (Caer Galen war practice- December 11th!) make certain your authorizations are up to date, your weapons ready, and your armor in good repair. Sir Mavrikii has reminded us all to take a look at our helmet padding- marshals on the field can ask to check and make certain that you meet the minimum requirements:

"All parts of the helm that might cause injurious contact with the wearer's head shall be padded with a minimum of .5 inch (12.7 mm) of closed-cell foam or equivalent padding, or shall be suspended in such a way as to prevent contact with the wearer during combat. Similarly, parts of the inside of the helm that might come in contact with the wearer's neck or body should be padded." (Marshal's Handbook, 2015: page 13) This will be my final report as Knight Marshal- thank you very much for allowing me to serve in this position over the last couple years!

Yours in Service,
Finn

December Meeting Minutes

Past Business:

War Practice
Site and insurance are taken care of. It will be at the Boulder County Fairgrounds - Sunday 12/10 opens at 9am, closes at 2:30pm. HE Alasdair will be Marshall in charge.

Decals
$28 was raised since September. Total $1031.12 in profit. Anna will take over selling of decals. Less than 100 war ensign and Outlands and about 150 CG populace are left.

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Current Business:

Midwinter
Setting up Friday night at 7pm. Troll is 60% covered (post times that need to be covered), feast servers are 80% covered. Let people know areas they could help. Site tokens by Hayashi and Shoshanah. Feast-o-crats have been working hard. Looks like we're under budget for feast. Tables will be decorated. Head table is under control. Schedule for each of the rooms have been planned and laid out. Feast reservations total 41, expecting sign up at troll with 2 stations. Child care will be available. There will be Senate elections and vote on Harp.

Olivia will check on live flame (new office manager at Church) Lana has announced in a post of needs for homeless shelters. Royal requested times for peerage circles. Schedules will be printed and put on each of the rooms and large poster for all the meetings. Gate sheets - Mahara has supplies, Anna will work with Mahara on cash box money. Morning at Midwinter for announcements

A&S Night
December it will be at Hayashi and Shoshanah's, It will be scribal a night with Bebhinn. February will be at Elizabeth's. A&S Night will now be 3rd Wednesday of the month. Themes will be bookbinding, scribal, lampwork and other A&S.

Fighter Practice
Dwen will be checking in on reservations for January-May, September-December 5:30pm-9:30pm for insurance

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New Business:

Folkmoot
On the agenda:
Officer change overs - Knight marshal, chronicler, exchequer
Scribes thank you gifts
Tournaments
Email Server:
Needs to be switched over?

January 9th Meeting:
At Dwen's house - tacos and margaritas

Adopt Rory's Unit - pre-mobilization
Bebhinn asked the Barony to sponsor her husband's unit which is being deployed. There was a fair amount of discussion. Many folks were interested in helping and would support events and requests. Individuals posting about such groups is generally supportive. Dwen requested more details and specifics.

War Truck for Estrella
Finn and Dwen have the paperwork and payment, they will be driving the truck

Estrella Camp
Finn is in charge of CG camp, more announcements soon

Enduro
Rowena is working on theme, possibly Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Planned for July 28-30 at Pickle Gulch. Budget is the works

Defender
We have the site. Website by Dwen after Midwinter.

Alternate meeting sites
Lucky's in Longmont and Cycle Hops
(Note: Lucky's in Longmont has a community room that can be reserved.)

Event Reports

Midwinter - Lady Lana

What an amazing Midwinter! Now that I have had a chance to collect my thoughts and time to sit down and write a proper post, I want to thank soooo many people. First of all, to my co-autocrat Olivia Newby Doll, I could not have done this without you! You were able to be in all the places I could not and provide countless hours of help and moral support! I am proud of the team we make!
Next, in preparation for this event we had some wonderful teachers that helped us really look the part: Mistress Bri (Kathryn Michel), Pvari, Jabra'il (Jeremy Slick), Elizabeth Argentieri, & Hayashi Norikata and Shoshanah Bas Ruven. Thank you for helping build the excitement!

Next, to the kitchen staff: Wolfgang (Gary), Rowena (Jana), Pvari (Julie), Talan, Nico, and Kat (Carrie Russell). Holy moly, the meal was fabulous and went off without a hitch! (And if you didn't get a fig from the pork dish, well, let me just say I'm sorry! Yum!) Also, thanks to Demelza for organizing the servers and to all of them for helping make sure all our plates were loaded and our glasses full! And Shoshanah took on the organization of the potluck lunch at the last minute, even on top of all the other stuff she was doing! An Neri (Marci Fischer), you made sure the tables were all out in an organized fashion and jumped in to help wherever!
Also to all my organizers for providing activities throughout the day: Mahara (Jennifer Thompson) for heading up troll, Samantha for the all-ages activities, Jeanny for the senate election, Gareth

for the Captain of the Guard tourney, Tatiana for the MoD Q&A session, Nikki for the choir practice, Susan for dance practice, & Hagar for running the Bardic and Table Decorating contest.

Thanks to Mistress Signy (Jocelyn Fielden Parker) and her students for taking care of the royal & baronial rooms and making sure local and visiting nobles were well-taken care of! And Dwen Andersdottir, you were there from set-up to clean up, and you jumped in wherever needed, even when I had last-minute (and maybe inconvenient requests). And to all those who helped set up the night before: Anne, Matilda, Cinara, Talan & Kat, thank you for taking the extra time out of your week to help us prep.

And the site tokens - How cool were those?! The skills of Elizabeth, Hayashi, Shoshanah and many others were put to good use to make an awesome artifact that everyone could take home with them.

Lastly, (but not leastly), thank you James Swayze for schelpping ALL THE THINGS...I mean seriously, you probably carried more stuff during that event than I have in the last 3 months! You also brought me food to make sure I ate during the day and were patient and accommodating, even when I started to get hangry or bossy.

And of course, thanks to EVERYONE who came out and played, danced, fenced, hugged me, made shenanigans, merchanted, ate, provided moral support, offered their help, setup, tore down, cleaned, laughed and had an awesome time. This event would not have gone on without all of you guys to make it a magical and festive Midwinter event. This was by far the best Midwinter EVAR! <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3 <3

Midwinter Donations - THL Shoshanah

MidWinter Donation Update:

Delivery of all of the donated items was done yesterday. After reviewing all of the places that accept donations everything was brought to OUR Center in Longmont. We had a very large bag of just socks - probably close to 100 pairs. Bags and bags of toothbrushes and toothpaste, clothes, hats, scarves, mittens, and other personal care items. They were very grateful for the generosity

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of Caer Galen and all of our friends and family from other Baronies who joined in and brought items for donation. Your generosity is truly amazing and makes me proud to belong to such a wonderful barony.

Upcoming Events

January Business Meeting - Tacos & Margaritas at Dwen's

Dear Caer Galen,

Once a year, as your Seneschal, I like to open up my home, and have a business meeting around my table.

Being as I do not like to have a meeting without delicious food available, I will also put on tacos, made by my own hand, and margaritas.

Bring your ideas for the next year of how awesome Caer Galen can and should be! Come hungry, and I shall feed you! Be ready to pet an attention-starved Lily-dog!

See you soon,

Keridwen - your friendly neighborhood seneschal and taco-provider

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Awards & Recognition

December Folkmoot - TH's Anne and Matilda

Lord Dominico Forestani received a Cookie
Mistress Ava Trudine of Troegenning received a Cookie

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Recognition by Their Royal Majesties, King Robert and Queen Magge

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wsa made a Stag

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